

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A heater bag for bakery products made using a flour-based dough, except products including food not fully incorporated in the dough including tarts and pizzas, the heater bag being ~~suitable for use in complete safety for quickly warming~~ configured and operative to warm the bakery products until a temperature between 36° C and 44° C starting from a lower ambient temperature while fully conserving the quality and the integrity of these products and simultaneously improving their flavour, the heater bag comprising a flexible or semi-rigid casing defining a bottom, side walls; an opening, and means for selectively closing the opening, wherein the heater bag includes ~~at least one first and second~~ semi-flexible heater plate-plates each having an electrical heater element incorporated therein and said ~~at least one first and second~~ semi-flexible heater plate-plates being inserted in a ~~pocket-pockets~~ of natural material comprising cotton, flax, and wool, said ~~pocket-pockets~~ constituting a portion of the bottom, of the side walls, or of the means for closing the heater bag, and wherein, for each said ~~at least one first and second~~ semi-flexible heater-plate plates, the heating power per cm<sup>2</sup> lies in the range of 0.13 W to 0.24 W.

16. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein the heating power per cm<sup>2</sup> for each said ~~at least one first and second~~ semi-flexible heater plate-plates lies in the range of 0.16 W to 0.20 W.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein the power supply voltage for the heater element of each said ~~at least one first and second~~ semi-flexible heater ~~plate~~ plates lies in the range of 100 V to 240 V.

19. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim ~~47~~, 15, wherein the first and second semi-flexible heater plates are incorporated in two opposite portions of the side walls.

20. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim ~~47~~, 15, wherein the first and second semi-flexible heater plates are incorporated firstly in the bottom of the heater bag and secondly in the means for selectively closing the opening.

21. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein each said ~~at least one first and second~~ semi-flexible heater ~~plate~~ plates comprises an electrical resistance wire integrated in a sheet that is inserted in sheets of silicone glass fabric.

22. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein each pocket incorporating ~~a one of said first and second~~ semi-flexible heater ~~plate~~ plates comprises firstly an outer cotton lining and a flannelette disposed between the outer cotton lining and said ~~at least one of said first and second~~ semi-flexible heater ~~plate~~ plates, and secondly an inner cotton lining placed on the inside relative to said ~~at least one of said first and second~~ semi-flexible heater ~~plate~~ plates.

23. (Previously presented) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein the heater bag is elongate in shape and the means for selectively closing the opening are constituted by a simple flexible flap or by closure means disposed in

the vicinity of the rim of the opening.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein the heater bag includes a switch for selectively connecting the heater elements in series for powering from a power supply at a first nominal voltage  $V_{N1}$ , or in parallel for powering from a power supply at a second nominal voltage  $V_{N2}$  equal to half the first nominal voltage  $V_{N1}$ .

26. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein the heater bag further comprises a temperature limiter integrated in each said at ~~least one~~ first and second semi-flexible heater ~~plate~~ plates.

27. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein ~~the heater bag includes a pair of~~ said first and second semi-flexible heater plates are disposed in two opposite main faces of the heater bag, and wherein the walls uniting these opposite main faces present a capacity for deformation in a direction perpendicular to said opposite main faces.

28. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 15, wherein each said ~~at least one~~ first and second semi-flexible heater ~~plate~~ plates is removable relative to the pocket in which it is inserted.

29. (Currently amended) A heater bag for bakery products made using a flour-based dough, except products including food not fully incorporated in the dough including tarts and pizzas, the heater bag being suitable for use in complete safety for quickly warming the bakery products until a temperature between 36° C and 44° C starting from a lower ambient temperature, while fully conserving the quality and the integrity of these products and simultaneously improving their

flavour, the heater bag comprising a flexible or semi-rigid casing defining a bottom, side walls; an opening, and means for selectively closing the opening, wherein the heater bag includes ~~an electrical heater element incorporated therein and at least one~~ first and second semi-flexible heater plate ~~plates each having an electrical heater element incorporated therein and~~ having at least an outer surface contacting an outer lining made of natural material comprising cotton, flax, and wool, said outer lining constituting a portion of the bottom, of the side walls, or of the means for closing the heater bag, and wherein, for each said ~~at least one~~ first and second semi-flexible heater plate ~~plates~~, the heating power per  $\text{cm}^2$  lies in the range of 0.13 W to 0.24 W.

30. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 29, wherein each said ~~at least one~~ first and second semi-flexible heater plate ~~plates~~ comprises an electrical resistance wire integrated in a sheet that is inserted in sheets of silicone glass fabric.

31. (Currently amended) A heater bag according to claim 29, wherein each said ~~at least one~~ first and second semi-flexible heater plate ~~plates~~ is removable.

32. (New) A method for quickly warming in complete safety bakery products made using a flour-based dough, except products including food not fully incorporated in the dough including tarts and pizzas, the until a temperature between 36° C and 44° C starting from a lower ambient temperature, while fully conserving the quality and the integrity of these products and simultaneously improving their flavour, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a flexible or semi-rigid casing defining a bottom, side walls; an opening, and means for selectively closing the opening;

incorporating in the casing first and second semi-flexible heater plates each having an electrical heater element incorporated therein and having at least an outer surface contacting an outer lining made of natural material comprising

cotton, flax, and wool, said outer lining constituting a portion of the bottom, of the side walls, or of the means for closing the heater bag;

introducing the bakery products into the flexible or semi-rigid casing between said first and second semi-flexible heater plates;

powering said first and second semi-flexible heater plates with a heating power per cm<sup>2</sup> lying in the range of 0.13 W to 0.24 W during a period of several minutes while monitoring the temperature inside the flexible or semi-rigid casing;

powering off said first and second semi-flexible heater plates when a predetermined temperature selected between 36° C and 44° C has been reached; and

subsequently withdrawing the warmed bakery products from said flexible or semi-rigid casing.